Amendments to the Claims:

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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

- 1. (currently amended). A non-woven material comprising
 - a) a web of fibers; and
 - b) an aqueous emulsion binder comprising a water-dispersible polymer which is nondispersible in aqueous solutions containing 0.5 weight percent or more of an inorganic salt, Wherein said water-dispersible polymer comprises from 1 to 100 percent by weight of a hydrophilic monomer and from 0 to 99 percent by weight of at least one nonhydrophilic monomer, wherein a film formed from said polymer has a Tg of from -40 to +105°C, and wherein the water-dispersible polymers are dispersible without the addition of any additives.
- (original). The non-woven material of claim 1 wherein said fibers have a length of less than 5 cm.
- (original). The non-woven material of claim 1 wherein said fibers have a length of less than 2 cm,
- 4. (original). The non-woven material of claim 1 comprising 50 to 98 percent by weight of fibers.
- 5. (original). The non-woven material of claim 1 comprising 70 to 85 percent by weight of fibers.
- 6. (original). The non-woven material of claim 1 wherein sald material has a binder add-on of from 2 to 50 percent by weight.
- 7. (original). The non-woven material of claim 1 wherein said material has a wet tensile strength in 3 percent aqueous inorganic salt solution of at least 100 g/in, and a wet tensile strength in tap water of at least 40 g/in.
- 8. (original). The non-woven material of claim 1 wherein said binder further comprises at least one component selected from the group consisting of plasticizers, tackiflers, fillers,